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Dear Al:

Since our meeting last week of the I&W review, Bill Colby has modified his earlier direction and asked that the NIO warning paper which I advised the group about be narrowed and directed toward support of MC-161 only. [redacted] the NIO for this subject, will be responsible for the paper, and it will be responsive to what we understand General Graham has asked for.

On the broader question of I&W, he has asked that the IC Staff prepare a carefully thought out concept and definitional paper and also to press forward on the alert memorandum idea which was approved in principle by USIB at its last meeting. Further, he has asked that we focus hard on the National Indications Center and the Watch Committee of the USIB in consideration of his responsibilities and the developments generally under way on the NMCC and NMIC.

[redacted] of the IC Staff is the responsible action officer for these latter papers, and he and [redacted] will work closely with Wally Henderson as we proceed.

On the general subject, the IC Staff will continue to assist as we can in your work on the developments of NMCC and NMIC. The planning under way appears to be responsive to the NSDM-242, although I have some reservations about the starting point of crisis management beginning with the assumption that U.S. nuclear weapons are needed

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to be employed. In fact, the NSDM 242 ad hoc group agreed early on that the crisis management procedures and information support systems developed in response to the NSDM should be able to support the NCA across a wide range of circumstances and events - non-nuclear as well as nuclear.

I believe the I&W and crisis management issues involve far more than the employment of nuclear weapons. These involvements will be more clearly spelled out as we develop the concept paper requested by the Director. Meanwhile, you should be aware that General Wilson is very much seized with this matter and is giving it a good deal of his personal attention.

Sincerely,



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